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Examiner: S. C. Pohnert

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Sir:

In reply to the Interview Summary, Paper No. 20080915, dated September 19, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit this Statement of the Substance of Interview.

On September 15, 2008, Applicants' undersigned representative participated in a telephonic interview with Examiner Pohnert, at which the Advisory Action mailed September 8, 2008, was discussed. The Examiner agreed to consider the claim amendments and evidence presented in the Amendment and Response filed August 14, 2008, if an RCE was filed. No final agreement as to the allowability of the claims was reached.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Pohnert for participating in the interview. In the event that obstacles to allowance are deemed to persist, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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